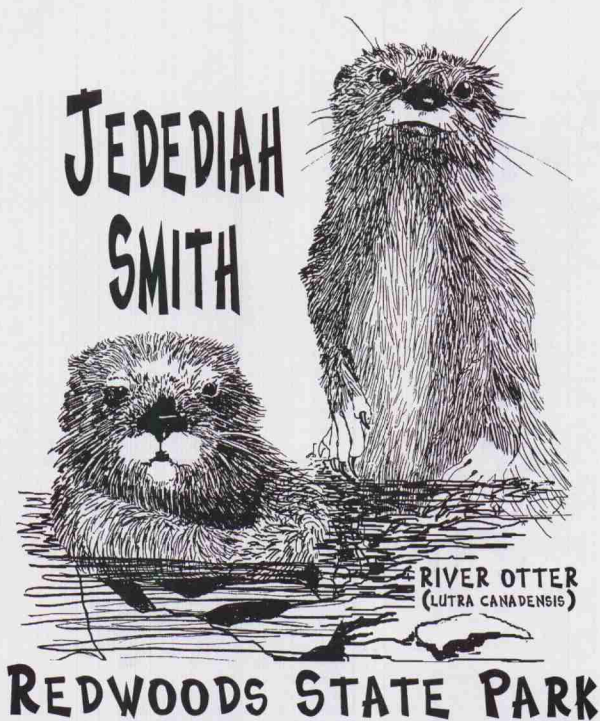
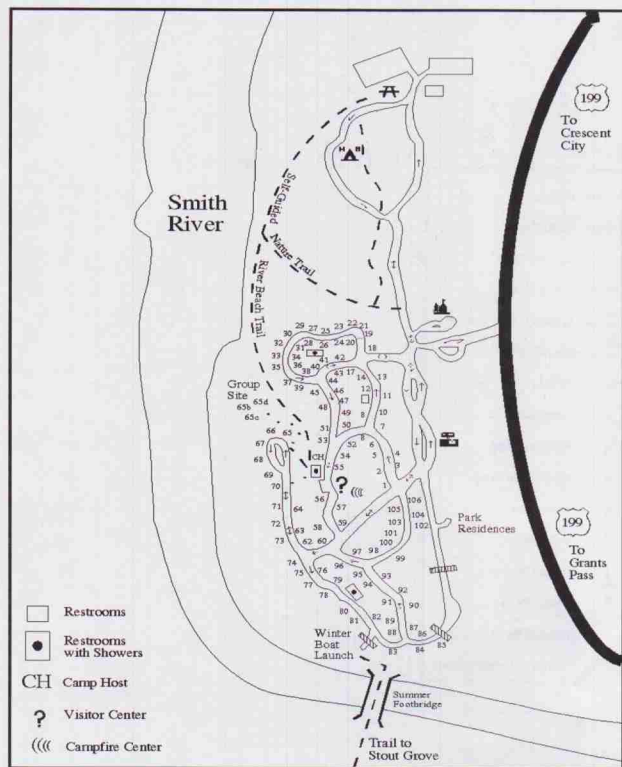


Jedediah Smith Campground Map



Redwood National and State Parks
a World Heritage Site



Park Map & Guide

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park is the northernmost of 30 redwood state parks that dot the California coast from Monterey County to the Oregon border. At the confluence of the Smith River and Mill Creek, the weather is a little warmer and drier than in Crescent City, just a few miles to the west. Summer days are often sunny while the coast is fogbound. At the park you can see many impressive trees that share the forest with coast redwood, and of course there are the primeval redwood groves with lush undergrowth of rhododendron and azalea and banks of ferns on giant fallen trees.

Winters here are rainy - 100 inches of rain per season is not uncommon. The Smith River has been known to rise 20 feet in 24 hours during a storm, however, a warm sunstruck winter's day can be one of the most enjoyable times to visit the park. Temperatures usually range from 45 to 85 degrees F. during the summer and from 30 to 65 degrees during the winter. It seldom snows in the park.

A picnic area on the bank of the Smith River offers tables and stoves plus a beach for sunbathing. Though the "swimming hole" here is popular, use caution, there is no lifeguard service. Nearby, the park's self-guided nature trail winds through a redwood grove.

Be sure to include a stop at the park's visitor center during your summer visit. Here you will find park information, interpretive displays and publications for sale. Check park bulletin boards to see what interpretive activities are scheduled during your stay.

Camping

The park's campground contains 107 family campsites. There is a 5 site group camp which can accommodate up to 50 people and may be reserved during the summer season.

Restrooms with hot showers are located throughout the campground. While there are no trailer hookups, the park has a trailer sanitation station. A few campsites will accommodate trailers up to 35 feet in length and motorhomes up to 40 feet.

The campground is open for camping year round. It is advisable to make summer reservations well in advance.

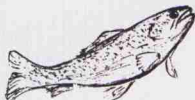
Reservations

The park is on reservations from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Reservations may be made by phoning **MISTIX** at 1-800-444-7275. Reservations may be made 8 weeks to 1 day prior to your first night of camping. VISA or Mastercard is accepted. Mail-in reservations may be made by sending a completed Mistix reservation form to:

MISTIX
P.O. Box 9029
Clearwater, FL 34618

Trails

Are you looking for a short loop trail or an all day hike? How about a quiet, serene stroll alongside an ambling creek? Perhaps one of the self-guided nature trails is what you have in mind. Are you on horseback or did you bring your mountain bike? The park has a trail for you!



Fishing

The fact that the Smith River is the largest undammed river in California may be the reason that the seasonal runs of salmon and steelhead contain such high quality fish. Runs start in the fall and fishing is generally good from October to February, depending on the weather. Catches of 30 pound salmon and 20 pound steelhead are not uncommon. Remember that a California sport fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older.

Park Plants

The coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) is the dominant tree in the park. The coast redwood region is a narrow 450-mile strip of land extending from southern Oregon to 150 miles south of San Francisco. The "Redwood Belt," as this region is known, is closely tied to the Pacific Ocean, where thick summer fogs prevail, temperatures are moderate year round. Redwoods, with their massive trunks and shallow root systems, depend on this moist and mild climate.

A coast redwood can live to be over 2000 years old and can grow to over 360 feet in height. In sharp contrast to their towering stature, redwoods have many delicate features. The sharp-pointed needles grow on branchlets, forming flat sprays. Their cones are quite small, approximately one-inch long. It would take about 123,000 redwood seeds to equal one pound!

Redwoods have few natural enemies. Tannic acid makes redwood resistant to diseases, insect infestations and its thick fibrous bark resists fire.

Redwoods, so named for their reddish-colored heartwood, are generally found in association with other tree species, principally Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce, big leaf maple, tanoak and red alder. Nine species of fern decorate the forest as well as salal, oxalis, western azalea, rhododendron, trillium, huckleberry, salmon berry, blackberry and numerous flowering herbs.



The Smith River is a delight to fishermen and water-sports enthusiasts alike. A summer footbridge leads from the campground to the majestic redwoods of Stout Grove.



Park Animals

Rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, mink, otter, fox, coyote, deer, mountain lion, bobcat, and bear are just some of the animals you may see in the park. Of course the infamous banana slug, an important and welcome resident in the forest, is readily viewable. Remember, park animals are the residents of the forest and beaches...we are their guests. Please treat their home with respect.

Black bear

The park is black bear country. Contrary to their name, these small native bears range in color from jet black to cinnamon brown, and may weigh well over 300 pounds. Their shaggy hair and ambling gait tend to disguise the fact that they are well-muscled athletic animals who move quickly when they wish and climb trees with ease. Bears are solitary animal unless attracted by an abundance of food. In winter they become dormant, but do not completely hibernate. A bear's natural diet consists largely of vegetation but they also eat meat when the opportunity arises. Black bears are timid and will move away if they hear or smell people. Unfortunately, bears quickly learn that campgrounds can provide easily obtained food. Their exposure to man then makes them less afraid and occasionally dangerous. Don't add to the problems with bears...keep all your food supplies and equipment locked away. Life for bears is a constant battle to obtain enough food. Like ours, their instinct is to defend what they consider "their" food supply.

Birds of the redwoods

The combination of forest and streamside woodlands provides a wide variety of habitats within which birds can find food and shelter. Some species of special note include the spotted owl and marbled murrelet. Both are believed to be dependent on old growth forest. Watch and listen for murrelets at dawn and dusk throughout the year...the park is considered an oasis for the murrelet. One of the most common birds you might encounter is the Steller's jay. This bright blue bird is commonly spotted near campsites in search of food. Please don't feed or encourage them. Also listen for the "squeaky brakes" bird...the varied thrush.



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A World Heritage Site

This emblem symbolizes the interdependence of cultural and natural properties: the central square is a form created by man and the circle represents nature, the two being intimately linked. The emblem is round like the world, but at the same time it is a symbol of protection.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization, (UNESCO) encourages policies for safeguarding the environment and society's fragile history. UNESCO also promotes global networking for protection of characteristic ecosystems of the world's natural regions.

Only 165 international resources, such as the Palace of Versailles in France and the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia, have been declared World Heritage Sites. Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park are jointly recognized and are also listed as one of 226 Biosphere Reserves around the world.



Redwood National & State Parks

Experiencing the tranquility of towering redwood groves or the peaceful grazing of elk in a golden prairie will become even more valuable to a growing population in the next century. A century ago, as the idea for creating parks was embraced, the ambitions of many to preserve redwood forests germinated and grew into the redwood parks we appreciate today.

By efficient and cost effective use of combined resources of national and state parks, we are better able to serve the visiting public and protect the natural resource. As an example of the spirit of cooperation, Redwood National and State Park staff and volunteers combined their efforts to produce this most accurate and detailed trail map.

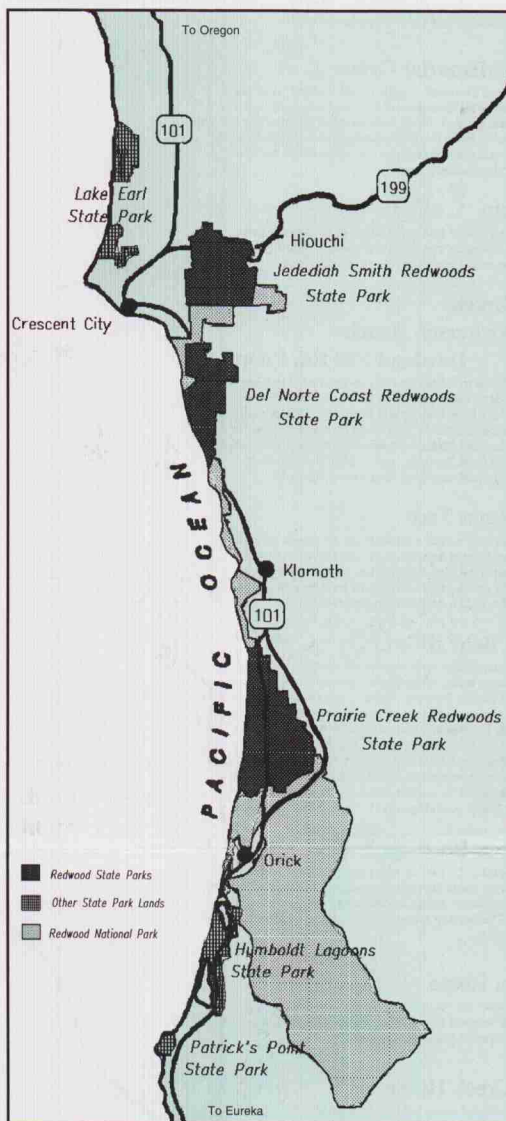
Redwood National and State Parks, together a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve maximize protection of resources cherished by citizens of many nations. As a visitor, you play an important role in this legacy. You are a temporary visitor to the permanent homes of park wildlife and plants, please be a good guest! Take only pictures, leave only footprints.



Save-the-Redwoods League

As you drive through the park or walk along the many miles of trails, you will see signs naming some of the groves along the way. These groves have been "purchased" by private individuals and organizations through the Save-the-Redwoods League's Memorial Grove Program. The program was started in 1921. Now more than 700 groves have been established in the redwood national and state parks, and more are being established each year.

Donors don't actually own these memorial groves. Save-the-Redwoods League uses their donations to purchase additional redwood lands which they then donate to the parks. If you would like more information about the Memorial Grove Program, contact the Save-the-Redwoods League at 114 Sansome Street, Room 605, San Francisco CA 94104.



Park Rules & Reasons

Pets - Family pets are welcome in the campgrounds and on park roads. Pets must be on a leash at all times and should not be left unattended. Pets are not allowed on any trails because they may introduce disease, threaten park animals and become lost or injured. Pets are not allowed in park buildings or at interpretive programs.

Plants - Plants are beautiful attractions of the park. You are welcome to harvest berries but plants, mushrooms and flowers are protected and removal is not allowed.

Firewood - Over 65 million people visit California State Parks each year. If each person collected their camp firewood, the soil would soon suffer from lack of nutrients. You are welcome to bring your own firewood or purchase it at the park.

Fires - Fires are allowed only in designated fire rings. An oversize ground fire could be disastrous.

Bicycles - Bicycles are welcome on any road where public vehicles are allowed but not on trails unless otherwise designated. Bicyclists under 18 years must wear an approved bike helmet at all times while riding.

Litter - Please keep the park clean. Trash is unsightly and can be a hazard to the park animals. Please use recycle bins found throughout the park.

Archaeological & Geologic Features - All features are protected and disturbing or collecting is not allowed. Leave any historical artifacts you might discover in place and let the park staff know of its whereabouts. An artifact "out-of-place" is historical knowledge lost.

Park Animals - Please do not feed any animals. People food is not a healthy diet for wild animals and they'll frequently starve after visitors leave for the winter. Remember, they may seem tame but these are wild animals. Let's keep them that way!

Peace & Quiet - Some folks drove a long way to get away from it all. Observe the quiet hours of 10 PM to 6 AM. No generators from 8 PM to 10 AM. Please be considerate of fellow campers.

Water - Water for holding tanks is available at the trailer sanitation area. Do not use hose bibs as water hookups. Dish water may be dumped into french drains beneath water faucets. Please conserve water.

Vehicle Operation - Please observe the park campground speed limit of 15 MPH. There are lots of people around and an accident could really spoil a vacation. *Riding in the open back of a truck or pickup is prohibited.* The exception to this new law is only when riders are seat-belted into an approved seat installed in the truck or pickup.



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The NCRIA is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to assisting state parks along the northern California coast. Our purpose is to increase public awareness of the rare and natural beauty of the redwood environment. We operate natural history bookstores at Prairie Creek and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Parks. Bookstore sales, donations and special events generate funding for development of interpretive facilities such as visitor centers, improvement of interpretive programs and equipment, design and construction of exhibits, displays, training opportunities and publication of informative pamphlets and park maps.

The NCRIA welcomes new members and volunteers. Join us and get involved in your state parks.

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Self-Guided Nature Trail
An easy .6 mile trail located in the campground/picnic area of the park. The trail features numbered posts keyed to a brochure available at the entrance station or the visitor center.

Wellman
This 1.5 mile moderately strenuous loop trail takes the hiker from the coast redwood environment upward to a fir/chaparral ecosystem. You are rewarded for your effort by some nice views of the Smith River and surrounding mountains.

Stout Memorial Grove
A not to be missed .5 mile of easy walking takes you through perhaps the finest grove of coast redwoods in the world. This is where the park started with the initial donation of 44 acres to the state by the Frank Stout family. Access is either from the campground across the summer footbridge or from the parking area off Howland Hill Road.

Hiouchi
A magnificent, moderate 2 mile trail through the forest. The trail has been renovated and is a beautiful walk along the Smith River ending in towering giants of Stout Grove.

Mill Creek-Nickerson Ranch-Howland Hill Rd. Loop
Plan on spending the day if you hike this 7.2 mile loop. Park at the Stout Grove parking lot and start on the Mill Creek Trail. The trail follows along Mill Creek through spectacular old growth forest. After 4.2 mile the trail veers away from the creek and becomes Nickerson Ranch Trail which will lead to Howland Hill Road. Turn right (east) onto the road from the trail and follow the road back to the Stout Grove parking lot.

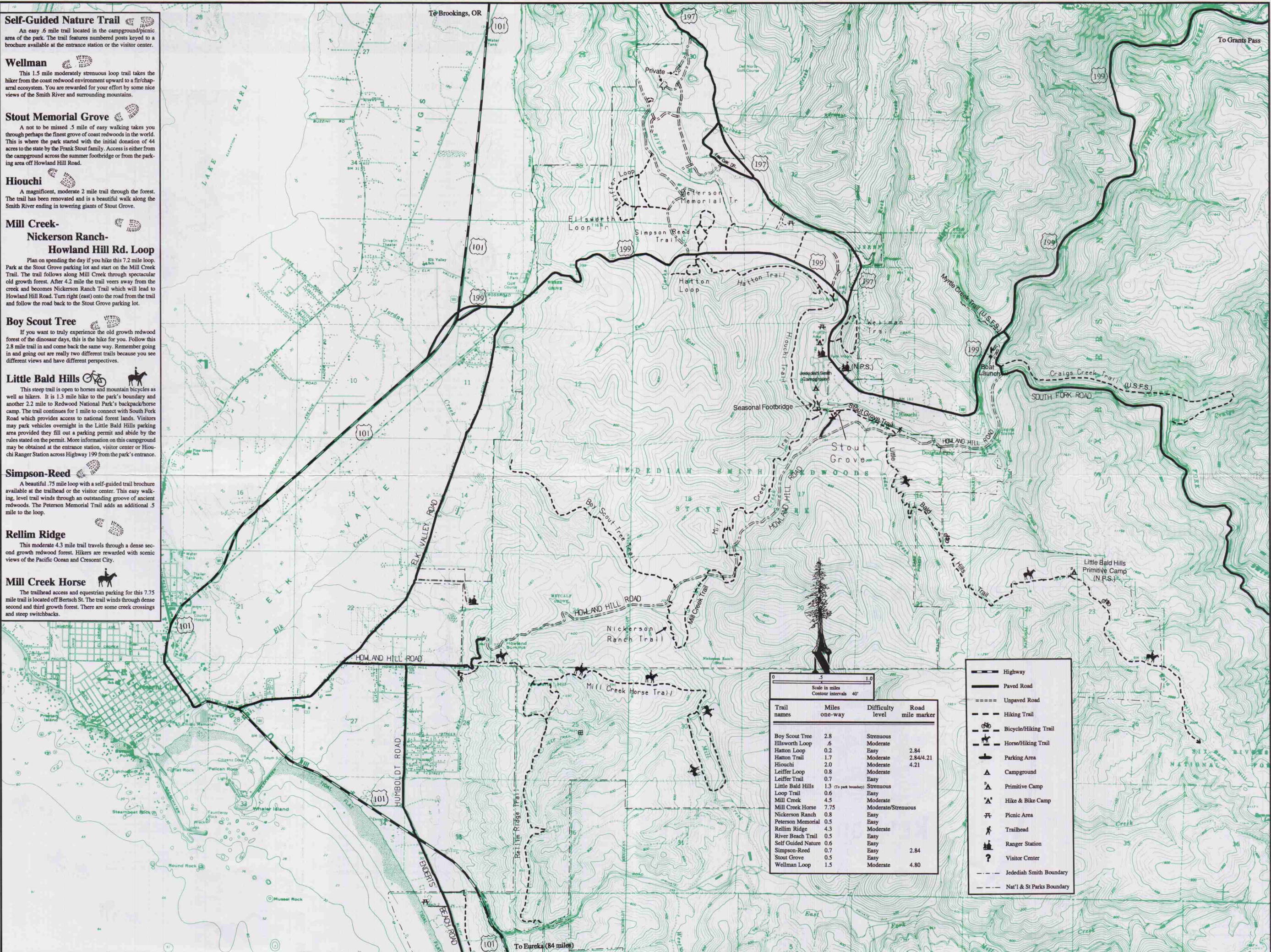
Boy Scout Tree
If you want to truly experience the old growth redwood forest of the dinosaur days, this is the hike for you. Follow this 2.8 mile trail in and come back the same way. Remember going in and going out are really two different trails because you see different views and have different perspectives.

Little Bald Hills
This steep trail is open to horses and mountain bicycles as well as hikers. It is 1.3 mile hike to the park's boundary and another 2.2 mile to Redwood National Park's backpack/horse camp. The trail continues for 1 mile to connect with South Fork Road which provides access to national forest lands. Visitors may park vehicles overnight in the Little Bald Hills parking area provided they fill out a parking permit and abide by the rules stated on the permit. More information on this campground may be obtained at the entrance station, visitor center or Hiouchi Ranger Station across Highway 199 from the park's entrance.

Simpson-Reed
A beautiful .75 mile loop with a self-guided trail brochure available at the trailhead or the visitor center. This easy walking, level trail winds through an outstanding grove of ancient redwoods. The Peterson Memorial Trail adds an additional .5 mile to the loop.

Relim Ridge
This moderate 4.3 mile trail travels through a dense second growth redwood forest. Hikers are rewarded with scenic views of the Pacific Ocean and Crescent City.

Mill Creek Horse
The trailhead access and equestrian parking for this 7.75 mile trail is located off Bertsch St. The trail winds through dense second and third growth forest. There are some creek crossings and steep switchbacks.



Scale in miles
Contour intervals 40'

Trail names	Miles one-way	Difficulty level	Road mile marker
Boy Scout Tree	2.8	Strenuous	
Ellsworth Loop	.6	Moderate	
Hatton Loop	0.2	Easy	2.84
Hatton Trail	1.7	Moderate	2.84/4.21
Hiouchi	2.0	Moderate	4.21
Leiffer Loop	0.8	Moderate	
Leiffer Trail	0.7	Easy	
Little Bald Hills	1.3 (To peak boundary)	Strenuous	
Loop Trail	0.6	Easy	
Mill Creek	4.5	Moderate	
Mill Creek Horse	7.75	Moderate/Strenuous	
Nickerson Ranch	0.8	Easy	
Peterson Memorial	0.5	Easy	
Relim Ridge	4.3	Moderate	
River Beach Trail	0.5	Easy	
Self Guided Nature	0.6	Easy	2.84
Simpson-Reed	0.7	Easy	
Stout Grove	0.5	Easy	
Wellman Loop	1.5	Moderate	4.80

- Highway
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Hiking Trail
- Bicycle/Hiking Trail
- Horse/Hiking Trail
- Parking Area
- Campground
- Primitive Camp
- Hike & Bike Camp
- Picnic Area
- Trailhead
- Ranger Station
- Visitor Center
- Jedediah Smith Boundary
- Nat'l & St Parks Boundary